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C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 1097

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, NG

SUBJ: NIGER SITREP NR. 2

REF: NIAMEY 1087, 1092

1. PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE WENT ON RADIO AT 1345 LOCAL READING  
BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF EARLIER COMMUNIQUE OF MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE AROUNA, NOTING THAT COUP ATTEMPT SURPRESSED, NAMING  
BAYERE MOUSSA, SIDI MOHAMED,  
AND AHMED MOUDOUR AS ORGANIZERS, AND UNDERLINING LOYALTY OF ALL  
ELEMENTS OF ARMED FORCES--ARMY, GENDARMERIE, AND  
REPUBLICAN GUARD. PRESIDENT CALLED FOR CALM AND ASKED  
PEOPLE TO BE GUIDED BY MESSAGES THAT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED DURING  
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DAY "BY THE PRESS".

2. TENSION PREVAILS THROUGHOUT TOWN WITH STREETS IN GOVERNMENT QUARTER ALMOST EMPTY, ALL OFFICES CLOSED, HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS IN KEY LOCATIONS. ARRESTS APPARENTLY CONTINUING. APART FROM COMMUNIQUE BY AROUNA WHICH HAS BEEN READ EACH HALF HOUR SINCE 10:15, NOW SUPPLEMENTED BY KOUNTCHE STATEMENT, THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON ATTEMPTED COUP ON RADIO OR ELSEWHERE.

3. COMMENT: KOUNTCHE'S REAPPEARANCE AFTER 8 HOURS OF UNCERTAINTY REMOVES KEY QUESTION MARK ABOUT HIS FATE AND WILL PROBABLY DEMONSTRATE TO A TOUCHY POPULATION THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT REMAIN IN CHARGE. APART FROM THAT, HOWEVER, SITUATION IS STILL UNCLEAR. FIGHTING THIS MORNING WAS HEAVY AND PROBABLY BLOODY, SUGGESTING IN TURN THAT PLOWERS HAD SOME SERIOUS MILITARY BACKING. HOW MUCH IS NOT EASY TO JUDGE, BUT COUP EFFORT COULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE BEEN MOUNTED BY THOSE NAMED ALONE--AN EX-MINISTER ALREADY IN DISGRACE, A MILITARY BUREAUCRAT IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND A LEADER OF A NOT VERY MILITANT, AND UNARMED, LABOR MOVEMENT. EMPHASIS GIVEN BY BOTH AROUNA AND KOUNTCHE TO "LOYALTY" OF ARMED FORCES INDICATES THAT THIS REMAINS MAJOR ELEMENT OF CONCERN. HECK

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